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A year has rolled around since the eventful day of December 7, 1941, when Pearl Harbor was so unexpectedly and so unmercifully attacked by the Japs. This year has not been a dull one. Things have happened thick and fast. We have lost and we have gained in the conflict into which we were thrown.

This has also affected our club and it is now going to be necessary for those of us who are left at home to pitch in more than ever before and help out the club. Many club members have answered the call to duty and are serving our country. Our hobby has become a valuable aid. Let's remember how much our hobby is helping in this war so that we may be guided now in working a little harder in order that we may improve our hobby after this conflict is won.

We at home extend the boys in service a warm hand and send best wishes to all of the club members for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Victorious New Year.



NEW OFFICERS ELECTED - At the regular business meeting held Friday, Dec. 4, the following officers were elected: President, LeRoy Waggoner, W9YMW; Vice-president, Alvey Pittman, W9JJG; Secretary, Paul Nelson, W9BHC; Treasurer, Wm. F. Lueth, W9DSC; Chief Operator, Fred Manning, W9VPN; Directors, R. K. Caskey, W9DNO and D. M. Davis, W9JYP. They will be installed the first meeting in January (date will be given later).



This issue of Amachewer brings many changes to the Club. First, the paper is being edited again by its old editor who has returned to civilian life for the next six months after six months army life. He is now a member of the Unlisted Reserve Corps. His travels as an army private and then as a Technician 5th grade included assignment to the Medical Corps at Camp Robinson for six weeks, three weeks at Camp Crowder in the basic Signal Corps school, and four months at Fort Monmouth in Radio School and VHF. During the time away from the gang the monthly arrival of Amachewer was an event and it is his hope that its contents may be kept as interesting to those away now as it was to the aforementioned.

A letter received from Lieutenant Trusler now station at Fort Monmouth, N. J., is posted on the club bulletin board. His complaint is that he has lived on the ocean front in a deluxe hotel but has been unable to see the ocean as the army life demands he rise before daylight and retire after dark. That brings up the point that the Lieutenant's arrival at Ft. Monmouth while yo editor was there was at the time that Asbury Park, that famous New Jersey resort city, was in full swing. Now it is true that if anyone is in Asbury Park when the tourist season is in full swing and can get close to the board walk at all, well, if he even tries to miss all the sights walking on that planted roadway day or night, he will at least hear the ocean at night, on the beach.

At any rate it was a pleasant walk that the then buck private (yo ed.) and Lieutenant Trusler had along the walk, even if the Lieutenant couldn't get his arm up to salute. (He had taken shots and his arm was so sore he couldn't raise it all the way.) Good luck to you. Not a bad picture in the local paper, only question is -- When was it taken?

CLUB TO CHANGE QUARTERS - The club after holding meetings at Olney and St. Clair Streets for three years is again on the move. The posting of mounted guards around the plant of the Insley building necessitated that the club move. Sunday, Nov. 29, several of the gang met at the club and moved the two transmitters to safe keeping and made ready several other items for storage. Our new quarters which will be in the form of a meeting place only, will probably be at the War Memorial according to present plans.

We regret that it is necessary to move but with gas rationing here it may be for the best. Without a doubt the club has enjoyed a greater attendance and had more activities in swing in these quarters than at any other meeting place. Let's keep behind the ball and push.

IN THE SERVICE - Robert Sylvester, W9YZU, has been inducted in the army and now is at Ft. Harrison awaiting assignment. Good Luck, Bob, and write as soon as you are assigned.

We note that both the Brown boys, 9JRK and 9OEX, are in the service, Tech Sergeant and Staff Sergeant with their pictures in the paper too. How about a line from you?

Joe Christy, W9MPR, was at the club last Friday, Nov. 26. He is Radioman 2nd Class, having just finished the Navy Radio School and is awaiting assignment to a ship. Keep them going boy.

Word reaches us that Wade Kingery has enlisted in the Signal Corps of the U.S. Army.

Claude Richie, W9TKU, is doing wire service in the Army foreign forces and does not operate radio. He reports that he hears WMDZ down under.

REPORT FROM MEMBERS - Don Davis, W9JYP, our OGD Acting Radio Aide reports that almost all the papers are in the hands of Inspector Batts. It should not be long before they are submitted to the FCC. Ft. Wayne now has their license so it behooves us to get ours.

NEW MEMBERS - The ham spirit does not die with the curtailment of activity on the air. As has been stated before the club offers a way to let off steam and serves as a clearing house for the helpful and necessary work, planning, and

assignment in our roles in WERS, Army and Navy, and Marine communication. Let's not let our interest lag or our skill go to waste, so keep it alive and actively employed by joining the club.

We take pride in announcing the following new members, and as before Pearl Harbor we say, "Welcome, and pitch in and help. It's your club now." These members are: Merraid B. Shrader and Otto C. Walters.

NEWS OF CLUB MEMBERS: - Our condolences to LeRoy Kerst. His father passed away this past week.

Pete Jennings is working as Radio Engineer for the Thermox Co., of Louisville, Ky., and now lives at 2301 E. Market St., New Albany, Ind. Drop him a line, boys. He says he is "Still interested in the I.R.C." and hopes to be back with us one of these days.

Glenn Montgomery has resigned his apothecary's position and will hibernate (or estivate) in Zionsville until his metabolism is restored.

Howard McDonald, W9MVK, reports that although the Sunday morning schedule on 75 motor phone has been discontinued, the contact with the W8's is being kept up at 35 MPH when a visit was made to Cincinnati a few weeks ago.

Roland Brewer, W9LJB is now operator at WFBM. And so is Mac Higginson, W9ENN. Lots of people are going to go barefooted with Mac's Shoe Shop closed.

D. M. Davis became a member of Beech Grove Masonic Lodge, #694 during October.

W. B. Clark, W9JIY, has gathered together enough parts for another WERS rig and plans to install it in his car. He has tried a $2\frac{1}{2}$ motor three wire doublet on top of the house, no signals heard on it yet. He calibrated his wave meter at W9AOC's using Locher wires.

Not having seen Fred Manning at the club for three weeks, we conducted an investigation. Fred has been confined to bed following an accident. How about dropping him a card? Address - 4718 Bertha, Indianapolis, Indiana.

We have a report from Fred Manning and we copy it verbatim: "Art Schultz is now an old school marm at the Army Signal Corps Radio School. He also has taken over photography. He has been caught at the lakes and streams shooting pictures of ducks and so forth. People were throwing pennies at him thinking he was an organ grinder. Came to find out he had no monkey.

As a bit of Flash News the report just came in that Arnold Finchum has married a girl from out West.